कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस. कृष्ण कुमार) :(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता ।

(ग) छोटे मत्स्यन बन्दरगाहों संबंधी केन्द्र द्वारा प्रवर्तित योजना के अन्तगत जहां आवश्यक हो, निर्माण की प्रारम्भिक अवस्थाओं में "कैपिटल ड्रेजिंग" हेतु वित्तीय सहायता दी जाती है, किन्तु "मेन्टेनेन्स ड्रेजिंग" के लिये सहायता का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है, । तदनसार, भीरकवाड़ा (रत्नगिरी) में छोटे मत्स्य बन्दरगाह की मजूरी दी गई है जिसमें 'कैपिटल ड्रेजिंग" का प्रावधान भी है । हर्णे में छोट मत्स्यन बन्दरगाह की स्थापना संबंधी कोई परियोजना अब तक प्राप्त नहीं हुई है, अत: "कपिटल ड्रेजिंग" के प्रावधान का प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

(घ) और (ङ) मत्स्यन बन्दरगाहों की तली से कीचड़ निकालने के लिये निष्कर्षण यंत्रों हेतु केन्द्रीय सहायता देने की इस समय कोई योजना नहीं है ।

(च) यह राज्य सरकारों का दायित्व है कि वे मत्स्यन बन्दरगाहों का कारगर प्रचालन करें और केन्द्रीय सहायता से सृजित सुविधाओं के कारगर उपयोग के लिये कीचड़ निष्कर्षण तथा अन्य रखरखाव कार्य सुनिश्चित करायें ।

Projects for the welfare of Fishermen

1543. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a number of projects to boost and accelerate the prospects to marine exports and to provide welfare measures for fishermen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action Government propose to take to increase the production;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to construct some new fisheries ports and give essential facilities to the old fisheries ports;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when the project will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of the major schemes operated by the Government for boosting and accelerating the prospects of marine exports and to provide welfare measures for fishermen are as under:

(i) Motorisation of traditional craft

(ii) Introduction of Plywood Craft

(iii) Introduction of Intermediate Craft

(iv) Re-imbursement of Excise Duty on HSD Oil

(v) Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act

(vi) Introduction of Artificial Reefs & Sea Farming

(vii) Fishery Harbour facilities at Major Ports

(viii) Minor Fishery Harbours & Fish Landing Centres

(ix) Welfare of Fishermen

(a) Group Accident Insurance

(b) Model Fishermen Villages

(c) Savings-cum-Relief

(x) Grant-in-Aid for Deep Sea Fishing & Processing Ventures

(xi) Grant-in-Aid for deep Sea Fishing for providing interest subsidy for acquisition of Deep sea Fishing Vessels.

(xii) Grant-in-Aid for Diversified Fishing.

Besides the above, the Marine Products Export Development Authority

(MPEDA) operates a number of developmental schemes for the export promotion of marine products such as assistance for new farm development and shrimp feed & seed, establishment of shrimp hatcheries & broad stock bank, equity participation scheme and assistance for equipment for production & distribution of shrimp.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to increase the production include: expansion of aquaculture through propagation of semi-intensive and intensive aquaculture in tanks & ponds through Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs), semi-intensive prawn farming in brackishwater through Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) and through large scale farms of private entreprenuers, etc. The action taken in the marine sector include: modernisation of traditional sector through motorisation of traditional craft, expansion of coastal fisheries through introduction of intermediate craft, especially for exploitation of pelagic fishery resources and development of infrastructure through the construction of major & minor fishery harbours and fish landing centres. Government have also taken steps to enhance and upgrade the indigenous technology to increase the productivity and production of fish in the country.

(d) to (f) The details of new fishing harbours and fish landing centres sanctioned recently are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

State	Name of Project	Targetted date of completion
Major Fishing Harbours		
1. Kerala	Cochin Stage II	30-12-1995
2. Tamil Nadu	Madras Statge II	11-02-1996
Minor Fishing Harbours		
3. Gujarat	Jakhau	20-05-1997
4. Do.	Mangrol—II	25-03-1998
5. Kerala	Thangassery—II	04-03-1998
Fish Landing Centres		
6. Kerala	Punnappra	07-12-1995
7. Do.	Kattoor-Pollathai	07-12-1995
Orissa	Baliabalpur	07.12.1995
9. Do.	Sorala	10-02-1996
10. Do.	Bandara	23-02-1996
11. Do.	Khandiapatna	02-03-1996
12. Do.	Bhusandpur	03-05-1996